

ACTIVITY #2—Part 1

In 1846, the United States and Mexico went to war. Read these interviews with the Presidents and Generals of the U.S. and Mexico and answer the questions in Part 2.

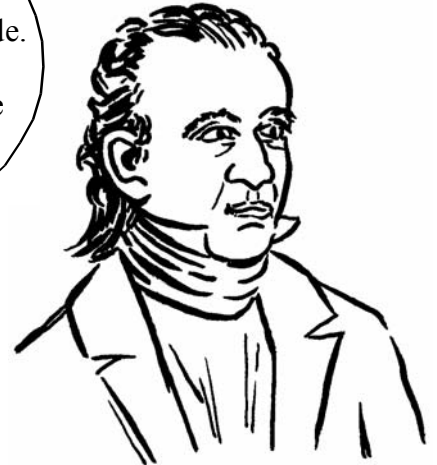
MEET THE PRESIDENTS

Texas is part of Mexico. The boundary of Texas is and has always been the Nueces River.



**Mexican President
Mariano Paredes**

Texas belongs to the United States and its border is the Rio Grande. Mexico crossed this border and attacked the United States on our own territory.



**US President
James Polk**

AND THE GENERALS

When the US Army crossed the Nueces River and marched into Mexican territory, the United States forced us to go to war.



**Mexican General
Mariano Arista**

President Polk sent me to the Rio Grande to defend this river as the boundary of the United States.



**US General
Zachary Taylor**